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In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2004, having a response being due by June 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 1 - 20 and substitute Claims 21 - 39 therefor as follows:

Claims 1 - 20 (canceled).

21. (new) A method of manufacturing a coal product having reduced sulfur emissions comprising:

grinding a raw coal material into a coal powder having a desired particle size;

blending said coal powder with fresh hydrated lime, said fresh hydrated lime

being generally unexposed to atmospheric carbon dioxide;



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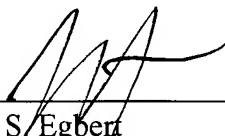
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